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In re Patent Application of

LAGRANGE et al.

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For: ADVANCED FIRTREE AND BROACH SLOT FORMS FOR TURBINE STAGE  
3 BUCKETS AND ROTOR WHEELS

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**LETTER**

Sir:

Filed concurrently herewith is a Replacement Appeal Brief. An Appeal Brief was originally filed on February 5, 2008. An Amendment was erroneously filed concurrently with the original Appeal Brief amending claim 29 to correct an antecedent basis problem identified by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. The Examiner properly issued an Advisory Action on February 15, 2008 stating the Amendment would not be entered. This improper Amendment is hereby withdrawn by Appellant.

A Replacement Appeal Brief, which expressly states the status of all claims in section III, page 5, of the Replacement Appeal Brief, includes a corresponding additional paragraph in section IV, page 6, of the Replacement Appeal Brief.

An early and favorable consideration is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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